

**Tucson Unified School District No. 1
Governing Board Regular Meeting
Board Room, Morrow Education Center
1010 East Tenth Street
Tucson, Arizona 85719**

**July 8, 2008
6:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

Present:

Alex Rodriguez, President
Adelita S. Grijalva, Clerk
Bruce Burke, Member
Judy Burns, Member
Joel T. Ireland, Member

Also Present:

Elizabeth Celania-Fagen, Ed.D., Superintendent
Roger F. Pfeuffer, Former Superintendent
Beatriz Rendon, Chief Executive Officer, Education Support Services
Albert Siqueiros, Assistant Superintendent, Student Services
Rob Ross, Legal Counsel
Nancy Woll, Legal Counsel
James Fish, Principal Supervisor
Dea Salter, Principal Supervisor
Maggie Shafer, Principal Supervisor
Ross Sheard, Principal Supervisor
Susan Wybraniec, Executive Director, Human Resources
Lorraine McPherson, Executive Director, Grants Management and Resource Development
Lorraine St. Germain, Executive Director, Exceptional Education
Chyrl Lander, Director, Communications and Media Relations
Bonnie Betz, Director, Financial Services
David Scott, Director, Accountability and Research
Elizabeth Moll, Director, Professional Learning
Augustine Romero, Director, Mexican American/Raza Studies
Marcus Jones, Director, Bonds
Alyson Nielson, Director, Human Resources Employment Services
Sam Polito, Lobbyist for Public Education (including TUSD), Arizona Legislature
Mary Alice Wallace, Director of Staff Services to the Governing Board
Sylvia Lovegreen, Senior Staff Assistant II to the Governing Board
Michele Gutierrez, Senior Staff Assistant I to the Governing Board
Steve Courter, President, Tucson Education Association
Bruce Slabaugh, President, AFSCME Local 449
Jackie Dupont, Communication Workers of America
Patrick Whelan, Moderator, School Community Partnership Council
Rhonda Bodfield, Arizona Daily Star
TV Channels 4, 13

ITEM

ACTION

REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – 6:31 p.m.

No action required.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

No action required.

Liz Fagen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Alex Rodriguez requested a moment of silence in honor of retired long-time TUSD educator, Tommy Harper, who passed away recently.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

No action required.

Dr. Fagen reported on what has taken place in the days since she became TUSD’s superintendent on July 1, 2008.

BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORTS

No action required.

Joel Ireland reported on attending the Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) Delegate Assembly. Alex Rodriguez commented on his participation in TUSD’s summer graduation ceremony.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

No action required.

The following are names of individuals who spoke and the subject of their comments:

- Barbara Needle** – Cancellation of retiree health insurance;
- Bob Dohse** – Desegregation;
- Bruce Slabaugh** – Blue Collar negotiations;
- Robin Barnes** – Catalina High Magnet School traditional program;
- Laurie Becker** – Catalina High Magnet School traditional program;
- Benjamin Johnson** – Catalina High Magnet School traditional program;
- Margaret Reed** – TUSD retiree health insurance;
- Steve Courter** – Negotiations and partnership issues;
- James Studwell** – Dual-school principalships;
- Ally Tanzillo** – Catalina High Magnet School traditional program;
- Mary Hinson** – TUSD retiree health insurance;
- Robin Gaub** – Catalina High Magnet School traditional program;
- Kathy Carlton** – Catalina High Magnet School traditional program;
- Christina Cruz/Anna Rivera** – Exchange of land with City of Tucson at Grijalva Elementary School;
- Miguel Cuevas** – Override election.

Judy Burns requested that Dr. Fagen look into the issue at Catalina and provide the Board with a report.

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INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Arizona Legislative Season Wrap-Up – Lobbyist Sam Polito Information only.
No action required.

Sam Polito summarized the events and actions of the past legislative session related to public education and provided handouts on the 2008-2009 budget.

Judy Burns and Alex Rodriguez commented.

Prior to Sam leaving the podium, Mr. Rodriguez introduced Roger Pfeuffer who presented a plaque and made comments in honor of Sam Polito's 50 continuous years of service to TUSD and K-12 education.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. a) Salaried New Hires
b) Salaried Changes
c) Hourly Changes
d) Temporary to regular contracts for the 2008-2009 SY
e) Salaried Separations
g) Requests for leave of absence for certificated personnel
h) Requests for leave of absence for classified personnel
i) Authorization for the Superintendent, or Superintendent's Designee, to approve release time, release time & travel expense, and reimbursement for district employees and volunteers on District business
j) Release time for travel for the purpose of attending required Career and Technical Education and Joint Technological Education District (JTED) meetings, workshops, trainings and conferences from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009
k) Release time for travel for the purpose of attending required trainings, meetings, workshops and conferences sponsored by Career and Technical Education Student Organizations from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009
l) Travel related to or required by grants and foundations for the purpose of seeking funding, management of funded grants, implementation or evaluation for the 2008-2009 school year
- Judy Burns moved approval of Items 2 (a-e), (g-t), and (v-w); Bruce Burke seconded.
Approved 4-0.
Adelita Grijalva was not present for the vote.

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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

2. m) Authorization for Governing Board Member to travel to Washington, D.C. for the Intel Award to Sabino High School, September 6-10, 2008
- n) Authorization for Tucson Unified School District (TUSD) Contracts Manager to enter into agreements with the City of Tucson for the purpose of allowing the City to accept funding under A.R.S. 5-601-02 on behalf of TUSD and to flow the funding to TUSD
- o) Intergovernmental Agreement between the Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and Blind Southeast Regional Cooperative and Tucson Unified School District for Exceptional Education, for five years from date of execution, with authorization for the Director of Exceptional Education to execute the agreement
- p) Intergovernmental Agreement between Mesa Unified School District and Tucson Unified School District (TUSD) for Distance Learning and Related Services – Amendment No. 01, July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009, with authorization for the TUSD Superintendent to execute the Amendment
- q) Intergovernmental Agreement between Pima County Juvenile Court Center, the Arizona Board of Regents on behalf of the University of Arizona and Tucson Unified School District for Juvenile Data Exchange, Amendment No. 1, continuation July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009
- r) Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement No. 01-69-T-139579-0707 between Pima County, a Political Subdivision of the State of Arizona, and Tucson Unified School District for Educational Support Services for Youth, continuation July 1, 2007 through August 31, 2008 (modified from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008)
- s) Intergovernmental Agreement between Tucson Unified School District and Local Sponsored Curriculum Academies through Maricopa County Community College District on behalf of Mesa Community College as Regional Academy to extend the Cisco Networking Academy Program, effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 (Palo Verde High Magnet, Rincon High, Sahuaro High, Tucson High Magnet, and University High Schools)

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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 2. t) Intergovernmental Agreement between Tucson Unified School District and Local Sponsored Curriculum Academies through Maricopa County Community College District on behalf of Mesa Community College as Regional Academy for certain training and support services for Cisco Networking Academy Program, effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 (Palo Verde High Magnet, Rincon High, Sahuaro High and Tucson High Magnet Schools)
- v) Award of Bid No. 09-38-13 – Pest Control Services in a multi-term bid to Essential Termite and Pest Control for an estimated annual expenditure of \$60,000
- w) Ratification of salary and non-salary vouchers for the period beginning June 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2008

Board member Judy Burns requested Consent Agenda items Nos. 2(f) and (u) be considered separately.

- 2. f) Hourly Separations

In response to questions from Judy Burns, Alyson Nielson provided additional information.

Joel Ireland moved approval; Bruce Burke seconded. Approved 4-1. Judy Burns voted no.

- 2. u) Exchange of land between Tucson Unified School District and the City of Tucson at Grijalva Elementary School, with authorization for the District Planner to execute documents

Judy Burns moved approval; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously.

Liz Fagen and Marcus Jones responded to comments from Judy Burns and Alex Rodriguez.

RECESS REGULAR MEETING – 7:55 p.m.

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ACTION

3. **PUBLIC HEARING** – Presentation of the 2008-2009 Proposed Budget and Public Hearing Pursuant to A.R.S. §15-905(D)

No action required.

1. Presentation of the annual budget by TUSD staff
2. Any person can ask for an explanation of the budget

**Speakers during this portion of the Public Hearing will abide by the rules governing Call to the Audience at Board meetings with the exception that each speaker will be allowed 2 minutes
3. Further explanation of the budget by TUSD staff if necessary
4. Any resident or taxpayer may protest the inclusion of any item in the budget

**Speakers during this portion of the Public Hearing will abide by the rules governing Call to the Audience at Board meetings with the exception that each speaker will be allowed 2 minutes

Bonnie Betz presented information on the 2008-2009 budget. Individuals commenting on the budget during the public hearing: **Dana Champion, Mary Terry Schiltz, Steve Courter and J.D. Herron.**

Also commenting were Judy Burns, Alex Rodriguez, Adelita Grijalva and Liz Fagen.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING – 8:43 p.m.

ACTION ITEM

4. Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Tucson Unified School District Adopted Budget

Joel Ireland moved approval; Bruce Burke seconded. Approved 4-1. Judy Burns voted no.

Liz Fagen recommended approval of the budget.

Judy Burns, Joel Ireland and Alex Rodriguez commented.

RECESS REGULAR MEETING – 8:51 p.m.

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PUBLIC HEARING – on Truth in Taxation – Notice of Tax Increase (Adopted FY 2008-2009 Budget)

No action required.

Public Participation Regarding Truth in Taxation – Notice of Tax Increase **

Members of the public may speak during the Truth in Taxation – Notice of Tax Increase Public Hearing portion of the agenda. The Board President shall be responsible for recognizing speakers and for maintaining proper order by setting such limitations as may be appropriate.

Any person desiring to speak shall complete the Truth in Taxation – Notice of Tax Increase card. When addressing the Board, an individual shall state his/her full name and address before going into the subject matter.

Individuals are encouraged to be brief, with a maximum time limit of 3 minutes.

Individuals attending the meeting and/or speaking before the Board shall observe rules of propriety, decorum and good conduct, and refrain from impertinent or slanderous remarks.

**REF: Governing Board Policy No. 9200 – Procedures for Governing Board Meetings

Individuals commenting on the Notice of Tax Increase: **Mary Terry Schiltz**

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING – 8:55 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

5. Truth in Taxation – Notice of Tax Increase (Adopted FY 2008-2009 Budget)

Joel Ireland moved approval; Bruce Burke seconded. Approved 4-1. Judy Burns voted no.

Liz Fagen commented that this notice is a statutory requirement and recommended approval.

6. Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Excess Utilities Plan

Joel Ireland moved approval; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously.

Liz Fagen recommended approval.

7. Administrative appointments, reassignments and transfers – Assistant Principal, Magee Middle School

Adelita Grijalva moved approval; Bruce Burke seconded. Approved unanimously.

Liz Fagen recommended Debra Miceli. Board members commenting were Joel Ireland, Alex Rodriguez and Adelita Grijalva.

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ACTION ITEMS (continued)

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| 8. Administrative appointments, reassignments and transfers
– Assistant Principal, Mansfeld Middle School | Bruce Burke moved approval;
Joel Ireland seconded.
Approved 4-1.
Judy Burns voted no. |
| Liz Fagen recommended Richard Sanchez. Judy Burns commented. | |
| 9. Administrative appointments, reassignments and transfers
– Assistant Principal, Palo Verde High Magnet School | Joel Ireland moved approval; Bruce Burke seconded.
Approved 4-1.
Judy Burns voted no. |
| Liz Fagen recommended Larry McKee. Judy Burns commented. | |
| 10. Administrative appointments, reassignments and transfers
– Assistant Principal, Rincon High School | Bruce Burke moved approval;
Joel Ireland seconded.
Approved unanimously. |
| Liz Fagen recommended David Mandel. Judy Burns commented. | |


STUDY/ACTION ITEMS

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| 11. Statement of Support to be included in Budget Override Pamphlet | Judy Burns moved approval with changes as discussed; Adelita Grijalva seconded.
Approved unanimously. |
| Liz Fagen recommended approval of the statement for the override pamphlet. Rob Ross provided legal advice. | |
| Judy Burns, Adelita Grijalva, Bruce Burke, Joel Ireland and Alex Rodriguez commented and recommended specific changes to the wording as discussed. | |

REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNED – 9:13 p.m.

Approved this 10th day of February, 2009.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE

By 

Mark Stegeman, Clerk
Governing Board

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